## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2007

H.E. Mr. Pascal Lamy Director-General World Trade Organization Rue de Lausanne 154 1211 Geneva 21 Switzerland

Dear Director-General Lamy:

As Chairs of the U.S. *Congressional Services Caucus*, we are writing in support of your continued efforts to bring the WTO Doha negotiations to an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive conclusion that brings commercially meaningful services liberalization, including binding existing and new market access.

We are pleased that WTO members resumed talks in Geneva this week, with an initial focus on the agriculture and non-agricultural market access (NAMA) texts produced by the Chairmen of both working groups prior to the summer break.

A breakthrough in agriculture and NAMA alone, however, is not sufficient. Any such breakthrough must be tied to services liberalization commitments that are at least comparable to progress on agriculture and NAMA. And these should contain new bound commitments to market access – not simply bindings of existing liberalization.

Services account for two-thirds of world economic output, and are essential to all WTO Members' economic growth, development, and competitiveness. Failure to achieve a breakthrough in services will seriously jeopardize the ability of the Doha Round to live up to the goal of an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive trade agreement that truly promotes development and global economic growth. Anything short will make it difficult to secure implementation of a Doha result by the Congress.

We appreciate your leadership, and we look forward to working with you to ensure that we achieve a Doha Round agreement that delivers a substantial outcome in services, as well as in agriculture and NAMA.

Sincerely,

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